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FOR LEGAL ADVISER MONROE LEIGH FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MILI, BE, US
SUBJECT: USS ZELLARS - MV JAN BREUGHEL COLLISION IN ANTWERP

REFS: A. BRUSSELS 1436, B. BRUSSELS 6384, C. BRUSSELS 7664

1. REFTEL A REQUESTED CURRENT USG POSITION ON LEGAL CASE ARISING FROM COLLISION ON JUNE 25, 1964, IN ORDER TO PERMIT US TO REPLY TO NOTE RECEIVED FROM BELGIAN GOVERNMENT. REFTEL B REPORTED BELGIAN REQUEST FOR REPLY BEFORE MID-JULY IF POSSIBLE. REFTEL C ASKED FOR CURRENT STATUS OF ISSUE WE WOULD PROVIDE FOREIGN MINISTRY BY AUG. 6.

2. TO DATE NONE OF THESE MESSAGES HAVE BEEN ANSWERED OR ACKNOWLEDGED. THIS DELAY HAS TRANSFORMED A POLITE AND ROUTINE BELGIAN REQUEST FOR INFORMATION INTO A HIGHLY EMBARRASSING POLITICAL ISSUE FOR THIS EMBASSY. ANY INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE USG WAS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING THE CASE AND WAS PREPARING A REPLY WOULD HAVE SERVED TO SATISFY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT THE USG WAS ADDRESSING THE ISSUE IN GOOD FAITH. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY OFFICIAL INFORMATION, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS SHOWING SIGNS OF QUESTIONING U.S. GOOD FAITH IN THIS CASE. THAT IS NOT HELPFUL TO THE MAINTENANCE OF GOOD US-BELGIAN RELATIONS.

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3. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD LOOK INTO THE CHRONOLOGY
OF THIS MATTER FOR US AND DO WHAT YOU CAN TO HAVE AT LEAST
A CURRENT STATUS REPORT PROVIDED TO US.RENNER

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